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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS CRITICIZES SENEGALESE PRESIDENT
SENGHOR

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. SENEGAL AND PRESIDENT SENGHOR
CAME IN FOR UNUSUAL AMOUNT OF CRITICISM IN SOVIET
CENTRAL PRESS OVER WEEKEND. NUMEROUS ARTICLES MENTION
SENEGALESE TROOP PARTICIPATION IN ZAIRE OPERATIONS
AS WELL AS EXTENSIVE U.S. USE OF DAKAR AIRPORT. AIRPORT,
SAYS PRAVDA SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT V. TYURKIN, HAS BEEN
TURNED INTO DE FACTO STAGING BASE FOR U.S.A.F.
2. SAME WRITER IN JUNE 11 PRAVDA NOTES SENGHOR'S RETURN
TO SENEGAL FROM ABROAD, AND BRIEFLY RECAPITULATES HIS
ALLEGED CALLS FOR EXPANSION OF WESTERN "MILITARY
INTERFERENCE" IN AFRICA AND FOR CREATION OF A
DEFENSIVE PACT FOR THE CONTINENT. IN A SERIES OF
SPEECHES (BY SENGHOR), SAYS TYURKIN, FOREIGN POLICY
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OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WAS CRUDELY DISTORTED.

3. SENGHOR MAY ALSO BE IMPLICIT OBJECT OF ATTACK IN
V. KORIONOV ARTICLE IN JUNE 12 PRAVDA. KORIONOV NOTES
THAT ANTI-COMMUNIST PREJUDICE HAS PENETRATED AMONG
THOSE "WHO IN THEIR TIME OCCUPIED A REVOLUTIONARY-
CEMOCRATIC POSITION". ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT

IMPERIALISTS (U.S. IS NAMED) TRY TO USE "SMOKE SCREEN"
OF ANTI-COMMUNISM IN AFRICA TO HIDE THE "GENUINE
THREAT" TO AFRICA REPRESENTED BY IMPERIALIST POLICY -
"AMERICAN, ABOVE ALL". END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. COMMENT. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. SEVERAL
ARTICLES IN WEEKEND PRESS LIST COUNTRIES ON THE AFRICAN
CONTINENT WHICH SUPPORT COLLECTIVE EFFORTS IN ZAIRE.
MOROCCO, SENEGAL, CAE, TOGO, GABON, IVORY COAST, EGYPT,
AND SOMALIA ARE NAMED, BUT OF THESE, ONLY SENEGAL IS
EMPHASIZED TO THE DEGREE INDICATED ABOVE. WHILE THESE
PRESS ARTICLES DO NOT DIRECTLY CRITICIZE SENGHOR'S RECENT
VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND HIS REMARKS IN THE U.S., IT
IS QUITE LIKELY THIS PLUS HIS COOPERATION WITH REGARD
TO TROOPS AND DAKAR AIRPORT WHICH HAVE AROUSED MOSCOW'S
SPECIAL IRE. TOON

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